

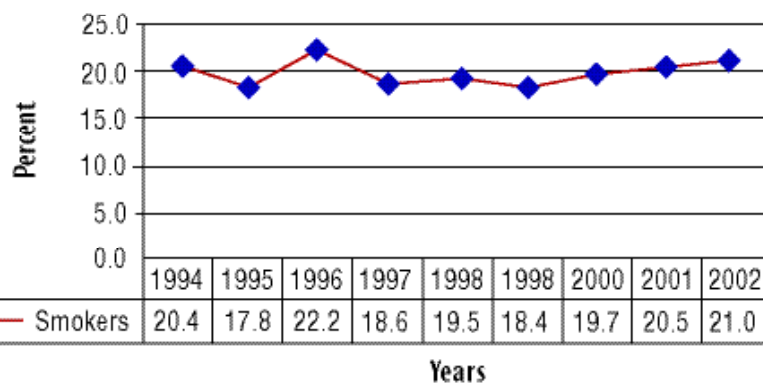
# FACT SHEET

# Health Consequences of Tobacco Use

Hawai'i State Department of Health

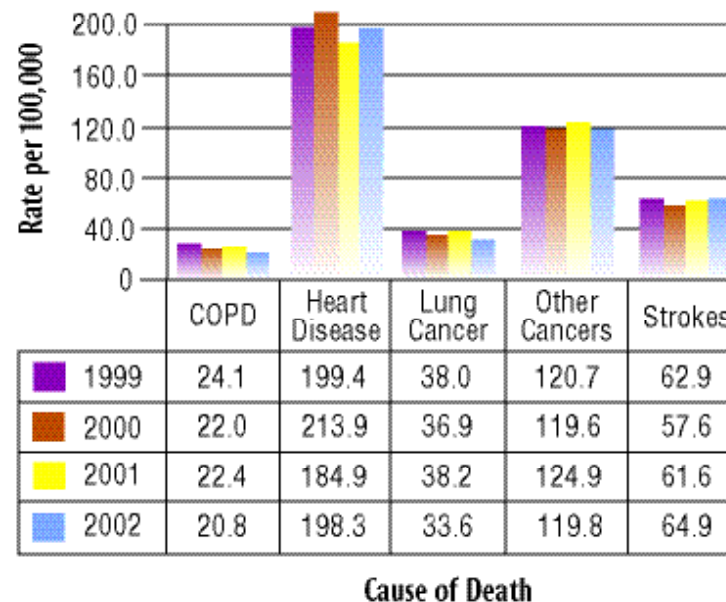
- Cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of death in Hawai'i, [1] as well as in the United States, and has been called the nation's "number one" public health problem. [2]
- More than 400,000 Americans [2] and 1200 people in Hawai'i [3] die each year from tobacco related causes.
- Smokers lose an average of 12 to 15 years of life. [4]
- Cigarette smoking causes more premature deaths each year, (before the age of 65), than all of the following causes of death together: AIDS, drug abuse, alcohol, and all unintentional injury (motor vehicle, drowning and falls) as well as all intentional injury (suicide and homicide). [5]

**Prevalence of Current Adult Smokers in Hawai'i, 1994-2002**



Data Source: Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey: Hawai'i State Dept. of Health

**Hawai'i Resident Deaths Attributed to Smoking, 1999-2002**



Data Source: Office of Health Status Monitoring, Hawaii State Dept. of Health

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